

Noticias *Les infos* die Nachrichten

? Congratulations to **Derek Gallagher**, this year's recipient of the **William & Pauline Silvia Scholarship**. Derek will be studying in Costa Rica during the spring semester to enrich his Spanish language skills. The \$500 award will subsidize his travel expenses.

? In an official ceremony in Spain this past May, an exchange agreement was signed between the **Universidad de Valladolid** and the University of Rhode Island. This gives Spanish IEP students a third exchange location in Spain, in addition to one in Mexico.

Representing URI at the signing ceremony were President **Robert L. Carothers**, Spanish IEP Director **Robert Manteiga**, Dean of Engineering **Thomas Kim**, Associate Dean of Engineering **Harry Knickle** and Dean of University College **Jayne Richmond**.

? In June the IEP was host to a group of 14 industrial engineering graduate students from the Toluca campus of our exchange partner institution in Mexico, the **Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey** (or simply "Monterrey Tech" or ITESM.)

The students (*pictured below with IEP Chef Mark Schoenweiss*) stayed at the IEP House and were



mentored by IME Professor **Manbir Sodhi**, with whom they visited several area manufacturing plants.

? The French IEP is proud to announce the addition of Assistant Professor of French, **Lars Erickson**. In addition to his advanced degree in French, Dr. Erickson has an undergraduate degree in chemistry and has worked professionally as a chemist. He will be bringing this knowledge to his involvement in the French IEP.

? This fall Assistant Dean of Engineering and Co-Director of the French IEP, **Richard Vandeputte**, accompanied by Spanish IEP Director Robert Manteiga, visited the **Université Laval** in Quebec City, Canada to explore opportunities for exchange and collaboration between the two institutions. While a formal exchange agreement has yet to be signed, new opportunities have opened for students to attend summer French language immersion programs at Laval. The future agreement will allow our students to complete semester exchanges at Laval's College of Science and Engineering with the potential for internship placement in the Province of Quebec.

Alumni Updates



? Congratulations to **Kevin Zaretsky '97**, on his marriage to Andrea Holsteiner of Passau, Germany! Kevin, who is employed by ZF Industries was recently transferred from Chicago to Passau.

? Congrats are also in order for **Peter ('99) and Gita Alberg**, who were recently married in her hometown in the Czech Republic. (They met in Braunschweig.) Peter works as a research and development engineer at the Hilti AG plant in Kaufering, Germany.

? **Michael Schroff '00** and **Jonathan Greene '00** are participants in the ZF International Junior Management Program. The program lasts fifteen months and includes five three-month assignments in different company locations.

? **Jesse Schneider '94** is now working for DaimlerChrysler at the Fuel Cell Partnership in Sacramento.

? Director **John Grandin** spent two weeks in November visiting IEP students at our partner university in Braunschweig and on site at internship locations. He traveled from north to south, keeping appointments with fifteen of our corporate partners, laying plans for future interns and maintaining relations with German industry. He found the economy in Europe to be still quite strong, but struggling with a shortage of qualified young engineers.

In a year when job prospects in the USA are a bit bleaker than usual, graduates should find ample opportunities to launch their careers in Europe. Grandin established connections for the first time on this trip with the headquarters of Germany's largest software manufacturer, **SAP AG**, and with the final assembly point for the new super jumbo manufactured by **Airbus Industries**.

? **Die Deutsche Sommerschule am Atlantik** was held at URI for the 21st consecutive summer in 2001. Held in the IEP House from June - August, this annual German language and culture immersion program (*Englisch verboten!*) attracted 55 students (*pictured below*) eager to improve their German skills,



mostly in preparation for study or work experiences abroad. This program works hand-in-hand with the goals of the IEP and is an important resource in preparing for the semester at Braunschweig and six-month professional internship abroad.

More information and applications

for the 2002 Deutsche Sommerschule are available in the IEP House!

? **BMW Internship Program:** Two IEP students spent last summer interning with BMW Manufacturing Company in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Ben Wesley, pictured below (no, they did not give him that car!), and Eric Sargent worked with the plant engineers, gaining experience in problem solving and continuous improvement. These two students will do their German internship with BMW in Munich, and then have a good chance of joining the firm after graduation. BMW



liked Ben and Eric so much that they are ready to take two more IEP students next summer. If interested, get your applications into the IEP Office *now!*

? The IEP is sponsoring a **two-week study tour** of Germany and German partner companies to take place May 18 - June 1, 2002. Designed for younger students in the program, the trip will feature a visit to the **Technische Universität Braunschweig** and to at least eight of our partner companies. Beginning in Hamburg in the north and ending in Munich in the south, the tour will provide exposure to many aspects of German culture, with a special focus on the companies where students might be interning one or two years later. The tour will be subsidized by the **Van Meeteren Foundation**, and is expected to cost approximately \$800 per person.

IEP Students, Take Note:

Update us! Each fall we ask that every IEP student fill out a data form to verify current addresses and other pertinent information. These forms are distributed in language classes in September. If you are an IEP student and have not filled one out, please stop by the IEP Office as soon as possible to update your records in our database.

Listservs: All IEP students should be receiving occasional e-mail messages from the IEP directors and assistant director regarding events taking place and other important details for you to know as IEP students. If you are not receiving these messages, it is probably because your records are not up to date. (See message above.) Please let us know if you are "out of the loop" and we will get you into it!

IEP Web Pages: Have you checked out the IEP web pages lately? Dr. Damon Rarick, a member of the German faculty, serves very effectively as the IEP webmaster. Among the newest additions to the pages are a PDF format of the IEP curriculum for each language and engineering discipline, and internship reports from our current and previous IEP interns written in the host language!

Submit your Resume!

If you are seeking a summer internship or nearing graduation, submit an up-to-date copy of your resume to the IEP Office. We occasionally receive inquiries and can only make a connection for you if we have your resume on hand.

New Brochures! Have you seen the new IEP Brochure? Stop by the office to pick one up!

The IEP House: Applications for the Academic Year 2002-2003 are now being accepted! The deadline for application is February 1, 2002.

Have you heard the other house news? A second IEP House is in planning for the fall of 2003! This will double our residential capacity and allow for more and better programmatic space. More information is forthcoming in the spring.

Did you know that, even if you do not live in the IEP House, you are welcome to study in the living room, or play a game of ping pong in the activity room downstairs, and can even stop by for a meal? (See details below.)

The IEP House is the administrative headquarters of the IEP, as well as a residential living space for IEP students and affiliated exchange students.

Meals By Mark

LOWER LEVEL OF THE IEP HOUSE

IT'S REMARKABLE!

OPEN MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY

BREAKFAST \$4
7:30 AM — 9:30 AM

LUNCH \$5
11:30 AM — 1:30 PM

DINNER \$7
6:00 PM

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